Institute, many of which ar\e$_e$ about 40 years old.

(b) Replacement of some damaged sanitary installations only was undertaken in the year 1985-86 at a cost of about Rs. 15,000l- with some routine maintenance work done from time to time.

Unearthing' of, Micro-Organism by NCL for producing quality Paper

4842. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that scientists of the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL) have unearthed from th edesert stands of Rajasthan a Mico. organism that secrets an enzyme that could help produce high quality paper; and

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that NCL has launched $_a$ joint programme with Iowa State University in the United States and leading U. S. manufacturer for commercialisation Of the enzyme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TEC HNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELE CTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ANd MIN ISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS TRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFF AIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANG-ALAM): (a) Ye$_s$ Sir. The National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune has developed a process for the pre paration of low molecular weight xy. lanase from actinomycete strain chainia, obtained from the desert sands of Haldighat in Rajasthan.

(b) Yes, Sir. However, since the enzyme is expensive, the results are not very encouraging from techno-commercial angle.

The laboratory has alternatively developed another process for cellulase free xylanase which is techno-comm-ercially feasible.

Consultancy Development Centre

4843. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHAN-DRAN:

SHRI K. R. JAYADEVAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are funning a Consultancy Development Centre under DSIR as an independent private Unit; and

(b) what has been the funds spent by this Unit s° far indicating the returns, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TEC HNOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF ELE CTRONICS AND' DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ANd MIN ISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS-TRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFF AIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANG-ALAM): The Consultancy Develop ment Centre (CDC) is a Society re gistered in 1986 under the Society's Act with the main objective to pro. mote the growth and strengthen Consultancy in the country;

(b) Since its inception in 1986, it has been provided a total of about Rs 2 Crores covering Capital, recurring and programme support. The Annual allocation for the revenue ex-penditure of CDC for last 3 years is Rs 11.22 lakhs during 1989-90; Rs. 13.00 lakhs during 1900-91; Rs. 15.00 lakhs during 1991-92.

The returns on the training programmes organised by the Centre were recently analysed and found to be very satisfactory; Internal Rate of Return being over 25 per cent.

Research Laboratories Functioning under G. S. I. R.

4844. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SW-AMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) !h$_e$ number of research laboratories functioning under Council of